

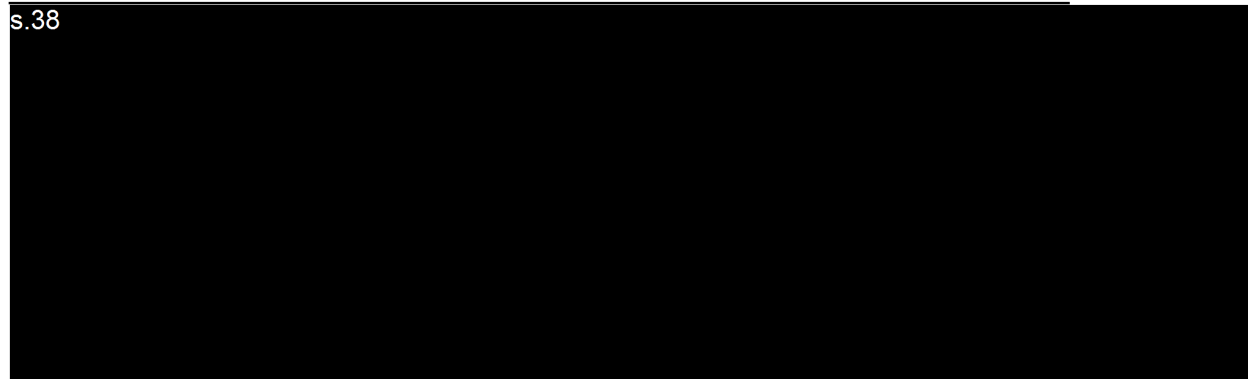


ONGOING OPERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Since the beginning of the Freedom Convoy crisis, CSIS has been actively engaging with law enforcement, on a daily basis, including through participation in the Combined Intelligence Group (CIG), established liaison channels, and management-level engagement.
- CSIS is currently investigating s.38 ideologically motivated violent extremists (IMVE) individuals under s. 2(c) of the Act. s.38 s.38 CSIS has identified s.38 subjects of investigation who are participating in, or have some involvement in the broader Convoy and associated protests and blockades.
- CSIS has no indications thus far that foreign states have engaged in foreign interference as defined under s. 2(b) of the Act – either in terms of state-sponsored funding or directed support of the protest.
- CSIS is coordinating closely with the RCMP concerning the individuals arrested at Coutts, Alberta. The arrest of a potentially violent anti-government cell in Coutts does not necessarily imply the existence of similar cells elsewhere s.38 s.38 The RCMP leads this criminal investigation and advises CSIS as appropriate.
- In the aftermath of the clearing of the Coutts crossing, only the Ottawa occupation will remain. CSIS assesses that the remaining individuals in downtown Ottawa are those most committed to their worldview.
- CSIS notes that while recent enactment of the *Emergencies Act* has increased the violent rhetoric of several individuals with a nexus to the Convoy, we are currently unaware of any plans or plots to engage in serious violence at Convoy events by any of our subjects of investigation.
- However, given the fluid nature of the situation, mobilization to violence by groups or individuals will be difficult to predict.

REACTION TO ENACTMENT OF *EMERGENCIES ACT* IN THE ONLINE SPACE

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IMVE Threat Implications of Freedom Convoy

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CSIS COMMENT

- Convoy and associated protests and blockades are part of the broader anti-public health measures movement. This is not a homogenous group (either online or on the ground) and contains a number of extreme narratives cutting across many segments of the Canadian population. While a core leadership group has emerged in Ottawa, others also claim to direct Convoy actions, further increasing the challenges in understanding the movement.
- The Convoy includes a broad cross-section of the Canadian population, including families and children. The investigation of individuals within the Convoy could be perceived as an attempt to label those Canadians as extremists.